

WILLIAM PATTERSON.

APRIL 20, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Patterson, asking back pension, make the following report :*

That the petitioner, William Patterson, is now a pensioner on the rolls since 1839, but now asks that he be paid from the year 1821 arrears that he ought to have received.

The rule of granting pensions to army invalids, from the date of the perfecting of the proof, has from long practice ripened into a law. Your committee are therefore precluded from granting the prayer of the petitioner, and therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

